

Dear Andy,

11/10/81

Thanks for the enclosures with your letter of the 6th, here today. However, the check and the Lifton story were NOT enclosed. I've a fairly large stack to catch up on, after which I'll read those things I'm glad to get, thanks.

On the affidavit for Hoch, of course, and anyone else who wants it or the exhibits. Were it not beyond my capacity I'd be distributing copies.

If you go ahead with any play, I suggest a fifth act<sup>5</sup> in Galloway's office, when they start the editing. I don't know if you are serious, but a spoof made up of the podt literals excerpting of the 1/21 transcript made quite a hit with a college class or two. There is an account of what happened, beginning when Humes learned that Gwald was dead, in Post Mortem.

I've heard from Harry once more, by phone. He was also apologetic about a few things on which I called him to his face. The tapes are being dubbed, but there was a flood in that building so it has been delayed again. They'll be done this week, I'm sure. I'll probably hear tonight.

He made pretty much of a mess when he came here on his own, after the AP man ditched him. He interrupted, theorized, improvised and without intended to, fabricated. He does not know the actual fact that well. I avoided contradicting him as much as I could and, for the most part, was just silent when he intruded with his most extreme stuff. But once or twice I had to dispute him and did, such as the irrelevant, that what Rather did the day of the assassination made him what he is today.

He is euphoric over his reception at Hopkins and the press attention, so because that can't break the case open, his hope, he can bounce down pretty fast. I've tried to prepare him for it.

I also tried to interest him in approaching the whole thing as a novel. He actually wanted me to outline it for him. I told him his work should represent his thoughts.

As I think I told you, the woman who was at the press conference for the Dallas Times-Herald is doing a story.

Hoch, by the way, is strong for Lifton. We've disagreed strongly often enough, so we still get along.

Thanks and best wishes,